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# S. J. RES. 57

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4 (legislative day, MARCH 3), 1993

Mr. INOUE introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice  
and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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Recognition Day”.

Whereas, on June 4, 1942, a weakened United States Navy,  
against overwhelming odds, faced a vastly superior Japanese  
armada in what was to become the most decisive  
battle in naval history;

Whereas, as Walter Lord eloquently stated: “They had no  
right to win. Yet they did, and in doing so they changed  
the course of a war. More than that, they added a new  
name—Midway—to that small list that inspires men by  
example . . . like Marathon, the Armada, the Marne.  
Even against the greatest of odds, there is something in  
the human spirit—a magical blend of skill, faith, and  
valor—that can lift men from certain defeat to incredible  
victory.”;

Whereas, in the words of Winston Churchill: “This memorable American victory was of cardinal importance, not only to the United States, but to the whole Allied cause. . . . At one stroke, the dominant position of Japan in the Pacific was reversed. . . . The annals of war at sea present no more intense, heart-shaking shock . . . the qualities of the United States Navy and Air Force and the American race shone forth in splendour.”; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to preserve the values exemplified by the gallant men who fought at Midway and ensure that their noble deeds never be forgotten by the world: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
 2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
 3       That June 4 of each year is designated as “National Mid-  
 4       way Recognition Day”. The President is authorized and  
 5       requested to call upon the people of the United States to  
 6       observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activi-  
 7       ties.

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